



Lesson #10: Characteristics of a Godly Home (1 Peter 3:1-7)

In a society where “dysfunctional families” seem to be the norm, it is even more imperative that the people of God demonstrate through their conduct at home that which is the will of God. As we look at this text today, Peter teaches us the characteristics of a godly home, focusing on the roles of both the husband and the wife.

This message is important for not only married couples, but also for singles who will one day be married. Many of us have grown up with bad models of marriage either immediately next to us or at least within our sphere of influence. Most Christians do not know what a proper _____ looks like. When they get married they live out the models that have seen or experienced. But Scripture calls us to a higher model which is God’s original plan. It is a powerful remedy, not only for the church, but for our _____ that is cracked at the foundation as a result of our homes functioning outside God’s perfect plan.

Because God has a perfect plan for marriage you need to follow His Divine _____ on the subject.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE WIFE (3:1-6)

At first glance, we might deduce that Peter is hard on the wives because he takes _____ verses for their role and just _____ for the husband’s. Yet the reality is that he regards the role of the women as very important and desires that they would live in such a way that pleases God.

- A. In a godly marriage the acquiescence of the wife is _____**
 Before we can look at this aspect of submission in more detail we must look in greater detail on what submission does NOT mean.
1. **Submission is NOT following your _____ impact over Christ**
 2. **Submission is NOT giving up _____ thought**
 3. **Submission is NOT giving up _____**
 4. **Submission is NOT _____ to imperfect commands**
 5. **Submission is NOT based on lesser _____**
 6. **Submission is NOT being _____ or _____**

- B. In a godly marriage the adornment of the wife is _____**
 We live in a world that perpetuates the idea that outward adorning and physical beauty is the most important thing about a woman. God hates this focus on the external because it does not reflect His _____. Therefore, when Christians are consumed with the outward appearance, they are acting like the world, not like God. There is not one child of God who is not _____ to Him.
- C. In a godly marriage the attitude of the wife is _____**
 This word “meek” is actually one of the hardest words to translate in the Greek. It literally means “power under control.” One commentator translated this beatitude that used the same word (Matthew 5:5) as, “Blessed are those who are always angry at the _____ time, and never angry at the _____ time.”

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A GODLY HUSBAND (3:7)

Some have suggested that perhaps Peter gives so much attention to the woman because the _____ of people in the church were women. I think this is a possibility. There is a tremendous lack of _____ spiritual leadership in the church.

- A. In a godly marriage the aim of the husband is _____**
 What is the one thing that a husband must do to develop a godly marriage? He must develop a _____ base. To be considerate a husband should intently study his wife. He needs to learn her likes and dislikes so that he can better _____ to her.
- B. In a godly marriage the anticipation of the husband is to be _____**
 Peter tells the husbands that they are to “dwell with” their wives. This means that in order to be a godly husband, you must spend time with your wife and in fact be at _____. This is very important to say because many homes fail specifically on this issue. The husband is busy at work or play and not there at the home.
- C. In a godly marriage the ambition of the husband is _____**
 What does Peter mean by the woman being the “weaker partner?” I like how one pastor illustrated it. You could think of the husband’s vessel as a _____ and the wife’s as a delicate _____. If God calls the brick and the vase to dance, which vessel will typically get hurt. For marriages to function in a godly manner we need to honor the delicacies or strength of the other vessel.

Concluding Thoughts

Peter ends his dialogue on marriage by saying, “[Do these things] that your prayers be not hindered” (3:7). Though some think this verse refers only to husbands, the word “your” is actually _____. For this reason, Peter warns that strife in a relationship actually hinders the prayers of the _____; it makes their prayers ineffective.